

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FACULTY SENATE HELD ON OCTOBER 11,
1974, IN THE FACULTY CONFERENCE ROOM,
SIXTH FLOOR, LISNER HALL

- 1 The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by President Elliott, who presided.

Present: President Elliott, Albert, Atkins, Birnbaum for Feffer, Black, Boswell, Brenner, Caress for Solomon, Cassidy, Cottrell, Eisenberg, Fox, Harris, Hill, Holland for Vaill, N. Kramer, Meltzer, Metivier for Linton, Morgan, Mosel, Naeser, Nash, Schmidt, Schwoerer, Stevens, Tillman, and Wood; Parliamentarian Schwartz.

Absent: Provost Bright, Registrar Houser, C. Elliott, Grub, Hobbs, Kramer, Liebowitz, Sapin, Smith, and Tsangaris.
- 2 The minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 1974, were approved as distributed.
- 3 Under Old Business, concerning reintroduction and further consideration of Resolution 73/7, "A Resolution Approving Revisions to the Faculty Code and Ordinances," Professor Naeser reported that the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee voted to recommend no changes in Article I of the Faculty Code Revision which pertained to faculty ranks and titles.
- 4 (a) Professor Stevens, on behalf of the Executive Committee, stated that the Senate, in adopting Resolution 74/5 concerning Health Care Benefits at its last meeting, recognized the necessity for amending Section XI of the Code, and, therefore, the following amendment to the Code would be considered at the Faculty Assembly meeting on October 25, 1974: "XI. Health Service - A. The University, recognizing the importance of the health of the teacher to his professional competence, will contribute to the cost of the current and any future basic health care program for all members of the faculty." Professor Stevens emphasized that the principle of University concern about the health of the teacher remained intact.

(b) President Elliott reported that a Bicentennial Committee had been appointed in accordance with recommendations of the Senate and other members of the University community, and he asked that any suggestions or nominations for additional memberships be communicated to the Chairman of the Committee, Professor Harry R. Page. He noted that since his initial appointment letter, he had added Mr. John R. Wilson, Director of Public Relations, to its membership. [The initial membership follows: Harry R. Page, Chairman, Linda G. DePauw, Roderick S. French, David C. Green, Robert B. Heller, Donald C. Kline, Martha N. Rashid, and William M. Reynolds.]

Professor Stevens, on behalf of the Executive Committee, asked for suspension of the rules in order to consider the nomination and election of a Special Committee to consider the case of Professor Linda G. DePauw. Professor Stevens explained that Professor DePauw's request for a Special Committee had been received too late for inclusion on the agenda and, therefore, he was requesting such suspension for the purpose of nominating and electing the Special Committee. President Elliott asked if there were any objections to suspending the rules, and there were none.

Professor Stevens then moved the nomination for election of the following individuals to the Special Committee: Professors Marcella Brenner, Roger S. Kuhn, George V. Vahouny, Ruth A. Wallace, and Helen B. Yakobson. There were no other nominations from the floor and the nominees were elected.

- 5 On behalf of the Executive Committee, Professor Stevens moved the nomination for membership on the various committees as presented on the agenda:
 - (a) Nomination for election of Dr. David G. Speck, Student Activities Office, to the Educational Policy Committee
 - (b) Nomination for election of Professor Dagmar Henney, Mathematics, to the University Development and Resources Committee
 - (c) Nomination for election of Ms. Tracy Weinkle, student, to the Admissions and Advanced Standing Committee

The President called for nominations from the floor. Professor Boswell nominated Professor C. Frank Doubleday for election to the University Development and Resources Committee; Professor Schmidt nominated Professor Young C. Kim for election to the Library Committee; and Professor Wood nominated Mr. Nathan Erteschik, student, for election to the Educational Policy Committee. There were no other nominations from the floor and the entire slate was elected.

- 6 Under Brief Statements, Professor Kramer reported upon events concerning the Medical Center. He stated that a petition dated September 30, 1974, had been submitted by twenty members of the Medical Faculty to Professor Wood, Chairman of the Special Committee of the Faculty Senate, and Professor Stevens, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, requesting the call of a meeting of a Special Assembly composed of those members of the faculty in active status full-time service of the rank of assistant professor and higher for the purpose of seeking a vote of confidence in the Vice President for Medical Affairs. Professor Kramer said that he felt appropriate faculty action to consider the issue was being totally frustrated because such notice for a call of a meeting of a Special Assembly did not appear to be forthcoming from the Administration, and, therefore, Professor Kramer, on behalf of those petitioners contacted, requested President Elliott to issue such call for a meeting of a Special Assembly. Professor Kramer also reported that a request was sent by members of the faculty over the signature of Dr. Kelser to the Board of Trustees to consider the problems prevailing in the Medical Center and he asked the President if the Board of Trustees would consider this matter at its October 17, 1974, meeting and if the faculty would have an opportunity to present its side of the problems. President Elliott responded that he would take under consideration the request that he call a meeting of the Special Assembly and that the request to the Board of Trustees from the Medical Faculty had been forwarded directly to the Board, but that he could not anticipate the Board's response to such request. A discussion followed by Professors Stevens, Kramer, President Elliott and Dean Birnbaum. Professor Morgan stated that he was concerned by the apparent difficulty in bringing about a meeting of the Special Assembly and he trusted that the necessary administrative devices would be implemented to call such a meeting because the Senate had dealt recently with a related matter having to do with a review of academic officers and one of the points made in opposition to the conclusion of the Senate was that there were other methods provided in the Code for review of academic officers. Further discussion followed by President Elliott, Professors Kramer, Wood, Nash, Morgan, and

Schmidt. Professor Stevens urged the President to assist in convening such a meeting.

Professor Hill reported on the results of a panel discussion of the recently-enacted Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. He stated that the Act was originally intended to apply to record-keeping practices of elementary and secondary schools but the Senate subcommittee decided at the last moment to extend its provisions to higher education also, with the result that the wording in the Act was ambiguous in places. However, Professor Hill stated that the law was quite specific in the four following areas: (1) right of access to all school records to parents of students under the age of 18 with the transference of such right to students over the age of 18; (2) right of hearing to students who believe they have been denied right of access; (3) right of hearing to students who believe the school records to be inaccurate; and (4) the requirement of logging of names of those who have been given access to records. Professor Hill stated that the penalty for violating the law was the loss of HEW funds. The impact of this Act on the matter of writing letters of recommendation was of particular concern to faculty because it removed the guarantee of confidentiality and he stressed that faculty should be alerted to the jeopardy to which they might expose themselves in writing such letters of recommendation. A discussion followed by Professors Morgan, Hill, Schwoerer, Harris, and Schmidt. Mr. Speck discussed the possibility of the use of a waiver system, whereby the student would waive his right to future access, as a temporary measure until more clear-cut guidelines were issued. Professor Hill stated that it was his understanding that an amendment to exempt past records was being prepared but, as the Act now stands, any attempt to use a waiver system would result in immediate loss of HEW funds according to counsel for the Senate subcommittee. Further discussion followed by Professors Black, Hill, Brenner, Harris, Schwoerer, Fox, Mr. Speck, and President Elliott. Professor Stevens stated that it was a matter of sufficient concern to the faculty and he recommended that it be referred to the Administrative Matters As They Affect the Faculty Committee for study.

Professor Schwoerer, speaking as a Senate member and as Chairwoman of the Equal Opportunity Commission, expressed her concern about the slow progress of the Senate in revising the Faculty Code and Ordinances, and she urged the Senate to move ahead more rapidly by whatever means necessary to bring about the implementation of a fully viable and operative Code.

Professor Stevens advised the Senate that Professor Grub, Chairman of the Public Ceremonies Committee, had requested that the following memorandum be circulated to all faculty members by incorporation in the minutes:

A subcommittee of the University Senate Committee on Public Ceremonies has been appointed to serve as a screening point for nomination of speakers at University convocations as well as nominees for honorary degrees.


Members of the Committee are Professors Dorn McGrath (Urban & Regional Planning), Ralph E. Purcell (Political Science) and Joan R. Regnell (Speech), who has agreed to serve as Chairman.

Members of the University community who wish to make nominations should direct these nominations to any one of the three aforementioned persons along with supportive data concerning their nominees.

Professor Stevens suggested that any questions concerning the contents of the memorandum should be directed to Professor Grub upon his return to campus in late November.

Professor Schmidt reported briefly on the work of the Library Committee. He stated that its efforts were being divided between (1) developing criteria for "selective allocations" due to the unexpected ceiling placed on allocations and (2) raising funds in hand for longer-range interests.

- 7 President Elliott adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m. upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed.


Frederick R. Houser
Secretary

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The Faculty Senate

September 30, 1974

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, October 11, 1974, at 2:10 p.m., in the Faculty Conference Room on the sixth floor of Lisner Hall (Old Library).

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 1974
3. Old Business:

Reintroduction and further consideration of Resolution 73/7, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE FACULTY CODE AND ORDINANCES," Professor Charles R. Naeser, Chairman, Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee

4. Reports:

(a) Proposed resolution concerning amendment to the Code and Ordinances, Section XI, Health Service, Subsection A (page 17), which will be considered at the Faculty Assembly meeting on Friday, October 25, 1974, at 2:00 p.m., in Building C, Room 100; the amendment reads: "XI. Health Service A. The University, recognizing the importance of the health of the teacher to his professional competence, will contribute to the cost of the current and any future basic health care program for all members of the faculty."

(b) Bicentennial Committee as established by President Elliott

5. General Business:

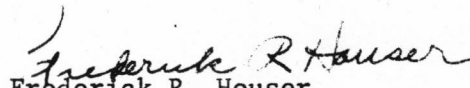
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6. Brief Statements

7. Adjournment


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